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Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism for a receptacle in a vehicle, the receptacle being movable back and forth between an opened and a closed position, and the safety locking mechanism comprising a mass, which is movably guided by a guide means from a basic position into a deflected position, wherein the mass holds the receptacle closed when the mass is moved into the deflected position, and having a device which holds the mass in the basic position when no acceleration or deceleration acts in the deflection direction on the mass, wherein the safety locking mechanism comprises an engaging device, which holds the mass in the deflected position, and a restoring device, effective by applying an overpressure to the receptacle, which directs the mass into the basic position.
2. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein a damping element acts against the application of an overpressure to the receptacle.
3. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 2, wherein the characteristic of the damping element is such that as speed increases a superproportionate damping force occurs.
4. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the mass is deflectable in two opposing directions, is held in each deflected position by the engaging device, holds the receptacle closed in each deflected position and is directed by the restoring device into the basic position when an overpressure is applied to the receptacle.
5. (Currently Amended) A safety locking mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the safety locking mechanism comprises a second restoring device effective by movement of the receptacle from the open into the closed position.